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Mr. James H. Quello
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Room 222
Washington, DC 20554
Attn: Lauren J. Belvin

Dear Chairman Quello :

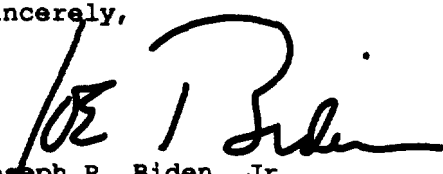
I am writing on behalf of Joe Melchiorre, a constituent who has contacted my office for assistance in making a recommendation to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Enclosed is a copy of Mr. Melchiorre's letter.

Mr. Melchiorre, along with many other constituents, is concerned about proposals for new rules issued by the FCC, commonly known as PR Docket 92-235. They are concerned that, if these new rules are adopted, there may be limits placed on those who fly radio-controlled airplanes. Also, they worry that the splitting of existing radio channels may cause interference with their model planes, thus making their hobby dangerous.

My office has contacted the FCC in regard to this matter and the information we received is being forwarded to Mr. Melchiorre and the others. Still, I feel that Mr. Melchiorre's voice has a right to be heard. I am enclosing a copy of his petition for review by you and the FCC during this "open comment" period before the proposal is decided upon.

Please let me know what happens with this proposal as soon as a decision is made. You can direct this information to my staff assistant Rob Shumacher in my Wilmington office at 944 King Street, Room 2205, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
United States Senator

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February 24, 1993

The Honorable Senator Biden
6021 Federal Building
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Dear Senator:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I live in Lewes, and I am very active in a local club (Lewes RC) whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for

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radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-MHz band.

Sincerely,

Joe Melchiorre